

FINES ENFORCE BAN ON ELECTRIC HORNS

Automobilists Warned Not to Use Device at Night When in Baltimore.

By HARRY WARD.

Washington motorists passing through Baltimore will do well to bear in mind the fact that the use of electric horns is prohibited at night. Recently fifty or more automobile drivers, several of whom were from Washington, were arrested in Baltimore for sounding their electric horns at night and subsequently were fined \$1 and costs.

This was the first step of the police authorities of Baltimore toward enforcing the new Maryland State automobile law, which prohibits the use of any signaling device other than a bulb horn within the limits of any city, town or village of Maryland during the period from one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise.

Notice has been given that hereafter this law will be strictly enforced. This provision of the law is absolute and applies whether the car is equipped with a bulb horn or not.

Another provision of the new law expressly prohibits the cutting-out of mufflers on automobiles and motorcycles within the limits of cities, towns, and villages of Maryland at any hour of the day or night.

The commissioner of motor vehicles of Maryland has called attention to the fact that under the new law the maximum speed of all motor vehicles and motorcycles when operated on the highways of Maryland is not under any conditions to be over thirty-five miles per hour. Whenever it comes to the knowledge of the commissioner that such speed has been exceeded, he states, he will not hesitate to suspend the license of any person who violates this section of the law. "I can imagine no conditions and no emergency in which an excess of thirty-five miles an hour would be allowable on any of the highways of this State," said Commissioner Roe.

As many Washington motorists pass through Baltimore on the trial to outside points, heed should be taken of the commissioner's warning.

WOODWARD INTERNE PLANS APPROVED

Civil Service Commission Will Examine Candidates for Medical Positions.

Health Officer Woodward's recommendation that the Civil Service Commission be requested to conduct examinations for internes in District medical institutions under the control of the city, today was approved by the District Commissioners. The date of the examination has not been determined. There is now a system of promotion whereby persons examined for interneships can be promoted to the positions of resident physicians at the Washington Asylum Hospital and the Tuberculosis Hospital and to the positions of pharmacist at the Home for the Aged and Infirm at a rate of compensation not to exceed \$450 a year. "As a further inducement for physicians to enter the District service it may be desirable," says Dr. Woodward, "to establish a system of promotion whereby internes in District medical institutions will be eligible for appointment as attending physician at the workhouse at Ocoquan at a salary of \$1,200 a year."

Citizens' Associations Arrange for Gala July 4

Independence Day will be made a gala occasion by members of the Brookland, University Heights, and Rhode Island Avenue Citizens' Associations, special committees of which are now arranging a program of patriotic addresses, recitations, songs, athletic events, and fireworks. The joint celebration of the associations will be held at Fort Porter Hill, Brookland, last night at 8 o'clock. M. J. McLean, 1841 Lawrence street, northeast, and appointed the following committee: Chairman, General William M. McLean; finance, G. L. Clayton; athletics, Franklin T. Howe; refreshments, E. C. Saltzman; program, M. J. McLean; Bristow Adams; and C. P. Judge; music, William H. Barnhill; fireworks, Harry E. Broun; grounds and decorations, S. D. Boss; public comfort, H. C. Stroman; publicity, Charles A. Harbaugh; Franking T. Howe, and C. F. Tansill.

Takes Justice for Spin; Host Fined as Speeder

LEECHBURG, Pa., June 8.—Justice of the Peace T. Lee Van Geisen could not be convinced that Dr. F. T. Nason, of McKeesport, had a superior automobile. The physician took him for a ride and sped up a steep hill at high speed. "You're under arrest," called a constable, popping from a clump of bushes. "Three dollars, doc," said Van Geisen.

Aviator in 'Plane Saves Birdman From Drowning

CHICAGO, June 8.—"Score one for the aeroplane as a life saver," said Anthony Stadlerman, birdman, who today owes his life to the fact that Aviator Jack Viles was only a few miles away when Stadlerman's hydro-aeroplane dropped 300 feet into Lake Michigan.

Southern Society Meets.

Officers will be elected and the amended constitution ratified at the meeting of the Southern Society to be held tonight in the ballroom of the Raleigh Hotel.

'Bindle Stiffs' Rare in East, But Hobo Finds Lots of 'Gay Cats' in Capital



Ray Williams, Who Has Tramped 14,000 Miles, Tells of Varied Experiences as Knight of the Road.

Sleeps in "Jungle" on Canal Bank and Finds Lover of Old Books Among His Chance Companions for Night.

Do you know a "bindle stiff" from a "gay cat?"

These are designations of certain classes of hoboes—that submerged tribe about whose life there is a peculiar fascination for the average citizen.

Ray Williams, who has lived among them, tells much about their habits and customs in this article.

Williams himself has had an interesting and varied career, of which he gives snatches in this narrative.

By J. R. HILDEBRAND.

I've bartered my sheets for a star-tinted bed. I've traded my meat for a bit of bread. I've changed my books for a sapling cane. And I'm off to the world again.

These few lines from Ray Williams, hobo, disciple of Elbert Hubbard, an organizer of the International Sunshine Society, hiker, and bindle stiff.

He is proudest of the last named title, because there are so few bindle stiffs left in the East, though the tribe still flourishes in California. "What is a bindle stiff? Of course you know there are hoboes, and tramps, and gay cats, and yeggmen, and boomers, and bindle stiffs, and the rest of the lot who carry their pack on his back, and who seldom see him in the Eastern States," Williams explained, as he emphasized to the desk clerk at the New Willard that he wanted a room with a bath.

Not that Williams would have you believe the knights of the road are degenerating. The uplift movement has reached down into trampdom, and two of the most hopeful signs of the profession, as Williams views it, is the decrease of boomers and of tramps.

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"Hoboes are cutting the booze, too," Williams continued. "They are beginning to see a man can't be a good hobo and a booze, too. A hobo is not up in the 'code,' they let themselves get ragged and dirty, they are lacking in self-respect. They are beginning to see a man can't be a good hobo and a booze, too. A hobo is not up in the 'code,' they let themselves get ragged and dirty, they are lacking in self-respect."

Williams' off-hand conversation needs many foot notes. A "jungle," he explained, was a place of rendezvous for hoboes. A "jungle" in Washington? To be sure. Williams went there last night, paid his jungle dues, stretched out on the bare ground, pinned newspapers over him, and slept soundly beneath the star-tinted bed.

The National Capital's "jungle" is a movable and variable quantity, it seems. Last night it was along the canal near Chain Bridge. Tonight, especially in view of this fact being published, it may be over by the train yards, or out beyond the Soldiers Home grounds.

"No," Williams asserted. "I found the bunch here a good crowd. There were a couple fellows I did not like. But there was one who knew all about old books, and there was another who was up in forest lore. We sat for a couple of hours and smoked, and told fairy tales, and built air castles. Oh, it is a great life. And in the morning, there was hardly a trace of us left."

Hikes From Cumberland. Williams does not consider he is disloyal to the profession by stopping at a leading hotel. He just has made the 180 miles from Cumberland to Washington in five days, without recourse to freights. And this 180 miles must be added to the 14,000 miles he says he has covered—and he will show you postmarks, letters, souvenirs, and other credentials to prove it.

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for? Because I am insane, and I know it. Elbert Hubbard got me out of a lunatic asylum eighteen years ago, put me on my feet. I ran a paper at the Middletown, N. Y., asylum, and I got Hubbard's Philistine on the exchange list. My stunt made a hit with Fra Elbertus, and he came down to see me one day. "They told him I was an awful bad case, and had to be under a guard all the time because I preferred to sleep outdoors. They considered my desire to be clubby with the hoboes and tramps that came around an especially bad symptom. I had told my family about my desire to go on the road. That was the reason they chucked me in that asylum."

Hubbard said: "He has the wanderlust. They said there wasn't any such disease. But they let me go with Hubbard after he said he would be personally responsible for me."

Book To Be Published. "He set me to selling his 'Philistine.' But that was too much talk and too little work. So I went in for quicker pay, though I still sell his books when I can. And he is to publish a book of mine about hobo life next year."

Williams explained that his knowledge of the "monty," or tramp sign, helped him greatly in his career as a book agent.

"Between San Diego and Washington I left my 'monty' 400 times. I want to find 'Carmen,' and he is in this vicinity, I think. So I put out the sign for him as I neared this part of the country."

"A hatchet means 'no good.' A hammer signifies the lady of the house is a talker. That is the sort the bindle stiff is the hobo who carries his pack on his back, and who seldom see him in the Eastern States," Williams explained, as he emphasized to the desk clerk at the New Willard that he wanted a room with a bath.

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